

WSDOT Construction Update for Highway 20

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Expect delays as crews move utility poles south of Oak Harbor

We are preparing Highway 20, south of Oak Harbor, between Sidney Street and Scenic Heights Road for major construction work next spring. Currently, utility crews are moving power poles away from roadway to make room for a wider highway. Plan ahead and leave extra time if you're traveling through the area. Crews will be working both during the day and at night. Watch for shoulder closures Monday through Thursday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Fridays from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crews will close one lane as needed. Flaggers will help alternate traffic through the work zone.

Closures:

- Between Sidney Street and Monroe Landing Road: Crews may close a lane from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday.
- Between Monroe Landing Road and Scenic Heights Road: Crews may close a lane from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday night to Friday morning. This work will continue into October.

City of Oak Harbor crews are working between Waterloo and Swantown Road on a waterline relocation. Lane closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday night to Friday morning. Shoulder closures are allowed between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. Crews expect to finish the waterline relocation by the third week of October.

We need your help – when should we temporarily close Highway 20?

As part of next year's safety project between Sidney Street and Scenic Heights Road, crews will lower the roadway in two locations between Swantown Road and Eagle Vista Avenue to increase sight distance and safety, and to help prevent collisions. To maximize efficiency and safety, we will temporarily close all lanes of Highway 20 twice for 58 hours each time during the month of August.

What do you think; is it better to close the highway and detour traffic during the week or on the weekend? Give us your opinion, we're listening.

We want to minimize the impact these closures will have on you. If you live near the project you should receive a postcard questionnaire in your mail this week. Just detach the reply postcard and send it back to us. If you live outside the immediate area of the project and you believe you may be affected by this closure, we would like to hear from you regarding the closures. Please e-mail chessod@wsdot.wa.gov, or call (360) 757-5970.

Sidney Street to Scenic Heights project will help reduce collisions

In the last five years there have been 169 collisions between Sidney Street and Scenic Heights Road, involving 308 vehicles, and leading to 122 injuries and two deaths. On average, 12,000 to 14,000 vehicles use this section of SR 20 daily. The [Sidney to Scenic Heights](#) project will reduce the number and severity of collisions by widening the lanes and shoulders, adding turn lanes, improving sight distance by lowering the road and realigning an intersection, and adding additional lighting. For specific information on this project, please visit the project page.

Work between Troxell Road and Cornet Bay Road continues

Crews working north of Oak Harbor on Highway 20 continue to make progress lowering the hillside near [Ducken Road](#). They plan to have the hill lowered and ready for paving before the end of September. Crews may only get one layer of asphalt down this year. If that happens, then crews will return next spring to lay the final layer of asphalt. Visit the project page for more information on this project.